

**REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 6**  
**SECOND QUARTER 2003 EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES**  
**SUBJECT TO THE LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW**

Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant  
LaSalle, Rapides, Vernon, Winn



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 6 during second quarter 2003 was 98,940, an increase of 1.7% from the first quarter 2003, and an increase of 0.4% from the same period in 2002. Employment increased in 15 of the 20 NAICS sectors from the first quarter 2003. The largest percentage increase of 9.8% was in agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting.

Average quarterly employment data for second quarter 2003, first quarter 2003, second quarter 2002, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 56. Health care and social assistance was the leading industry in RLMA 6 with 20,127 employees, or 20.3% of total employment. Rapides was the leading parish with 55,525 employees, or 56.1% of total employment.

Total wages increased 3.7% from the same period in 2002, and increased 7.0% from the first quarter 2003, for an average weekly wage of \$502.81. Vernon parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$555.22.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 6 is listed in the table below. The average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table "Regional Labor Market Area 6" beginning on page 59.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Avoyelles	\$ 381.88
Catahoula	374.21
Concordia	402.88
Grant	509.34
LaSalle	421.32
Rapides	534.93
Vernon	555.22
Winn	490.71

The number of reporting units in RLMA 6 for second quarter 2003 was 6,565.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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